

Why teach in Southern England?

The south of England is a region of great variety, and combines lively cities, natural forests and miles of stunning coastline. The region is easily accessible from London, and most major towns and cities can be reached within an hour.

The south has a wide range of landscapes, and a rich variety of flora and fauna. The area offers a wealth of treasures, from rolling countryside, unspoiled beaches, glorious gardens and pretty villages to ancient forests, bustling market towns, historic ships and imposing castles. The area is characterised by its wonderful countryside, varied landscape and gentle climate, an ideal all year round location for walking, cycling and exploring the history and heritage of southern England.

Amongst the various country towns and villages you are sure to find one that represents your perception of a typical English village. The stunning countryside boasts rolling hills, beautiful villages, sandy beaches and a coastline so unequalled that it has received World Heritage status.

The schools we cover

The South Office covers the counties of Hampshire, including Southampton, Portsmouth and Winchester, the Isle of Wight, Dorset and Wiltshire.

Whether your preference is the hustle and bustle of an inner city school or a rural school with views of the surrounding countryside, with over 800 schools to choose from we are sure to find you the perfect match.

Things to do

Southampton is a vibrant, modern city which offers a warm welcome to visitors. It is a popular leisure and cultural destination and is one of the premier venues for sailing and water sports, with some of the best marina facilities on the south coast. With superb shops, beautiful parks and gardens, it is an ideal base for exploring the south coast, the New Forest and the Isle of Wight.

Portsmouth is rightly famed for its naval heritage, but besides this there is so much more for you to discover. The city has a vast choice of attractions such as the Historic Dockyard, which includes Nelson's Victory and The Mary Rose, King Henry VIII's flagship.

Winchester is situated on the edge of the South Downs, surrounded by meadows and watercress beds. An unspoiled cathedral city, Winchester is England's ancient capital and former seat of King Alfred the Great. One hour from London, this is England as it ought to be. Popular for its shopping, architecture and quirky open air events, Winchester is most well known for its cathedral and for the Great Hall which houses the legendary Round Table.

The New Forest, once the royal hunting preserve of William the Conqueror, where wild ponies and cattle still have right of way and roam free, is renowned for its ancient woodlands and wilderness heaths.

Bournemouth, internationally renowned for being one of Europe's most fashionable resorts, is a vibrant city with beautiful sandy beaches, shopping, night life, first-class

attractions, beautiful gardens and summer festivals. By day, the town is a shopper's paradise, a combination of high-street favourites and exclusive boutiques.

Salisbury is a thriving tourist centre because of its proximity to Stonehenge. There are an abundance of historical buildings peppered throughout the city - including the majestic sight of the Cathedral's spire, Britain's tallest - together with modern high street shops.

A short boat trip from the mainland takes you to the Isle of Wight, one of the most visited holiday resorts in the south. During the sailing season the waterfront is a kaleidoscope of colourful sails. Yachtsmen from around the world participate in the island's prestigious sailing events. Best known of these is Cowes Week - held annually at the beginning of August.

- www.hants.gov.uk/tourism
- www.visitwinchester.co.uk
- www.visitsalisbury.com
- www.thenewforest.co.uk
- www.visit-southampton.co.uk
- www.islandbreaks.co.uk
- www.bournemouth.co.uk
- www.portsmouth.gov.uk/visiting/index.html

Our schools

Whether you are Primary, Secondary or Special Needs trained, and whether you want to work in a highly academic environment or work with students from challenging social backgrounds, the south has schools to suit your preferences. With over 800 schools to choose from, you will have an unrivalled diversity in teaching opportunities; from the challenges of the urban and city school through to the rural primary which will provide a vibrant environment for development. You will also find that schools in the south tend to achieve well above the national average in terms of academic achievement.

Accommodation

TimePlan South offers an accommodation service to assist you in your search for both short-term and long-term accommodation. Once we have identified where you are going to be based we can arrange temporary accommodation for your first few nights.

There is a wide range of temporary accommodation available which starts from as little as £20 per night. Rental costs vary depending on the area and the type of accommodation. Expect to pay around £350 for a one bedroom property, rising to £850 per month for three bedrooms. House sharing is more affordable and cost around £70 - £90 per week. The ideal areas to be based are Southampton, Winchester, Portsmouth, Salisbury or Bournemouth. There is a wide choice of accommodation in the area at reasonable prices. Generally speaking the further away from London you are, the cheaper the accommodation gets.

- www.rightmove.co.uk
- www.propertymarket.co.uk
- www.findaproperty.co.uk
- www.town-or-country.co.uk
- www.easyyroommate.com

Socials

Regular socials are held in the area and the attendance is usually very good. Meeting up with teachers and non-teachers, both from the UK and abroad, on a regular basis will give you an opportunity to reminisce about life back home or talk about your UK experience. Socials are usually held every 4 – 6 weeks, and take place in a local “watering-hole”.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to make new friends and meet colleagues, so come along join us for a few drinks. You don't even need to bring your wallet as drinks are always on TimePlan!

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Teaching in Portsmouth

Portsmouth has some fantastic military and maritime museums including Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, the D-Day Museum and the Royal Marines Museum. The Historic Dockyard is certainly one of the city's key attractions and is home to the famous HMS Victory, HMS Warrior 1860 and the Mary Rose Collection.

The Portsmouth Harbour Waterbus links the Historic Dockyard, Explosion!, the Royal Navy Submarine Museum and Gunwharf Quays. Gunwharf Quays has a fantastic selection of restaurants and bars and is open night and day. It also has over 95 designer shopping outlets, a cinema, a casino and nightclubs – what more could you ask for?

Portsmouth's newest attraction, the 170m Spinnaker Tower, is located at Gunwharf Quays. The tower has fabulous views over the Solent - for those of you that are feeling brave, why not try walking on the glass floor!

Nearby Southsea is a Victorian seafront with its own funfair and amusements. A hovercraft terminal is here enabling foot passengers to travel over to the Isle of Wight in 10 minutes

flat! Further along the front there is a swimming complex and the Blue Reef Aquarium, surrounded by large open parkland that is perfect for taking it easy on a hot summer's day.

Teaching in Hampshire

A teaching job in Hampshire offers you a combination of miles of beautiful coastline, small rural towns and villages as well as buzzing larger towns, all within easy access of London.

Did you know that you can search hundreds of live teaching

Whether you are looking for Nursery Teaching Jobs, Primary Teaching Jobs or secondary Teaching Jobs, there are over 500 such schools in Hampshire. This means there is a wealth of teaching jobs in Hampshire throughout the year. **vacancies in Hampshire online?**

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Below are just some of the wonderful areas of Hampshire:

Farnborough

Farnborough is located in north Hampshire and is best known for its International Airshow. Hundreds of companies exhibit at the show – a definite must for aviation enthusiasts!

Back at the start of the 20th century, His Majesty's Balloon Factory was set up in Farnborough. Since then, this town has produced the first powered flight in Britain in 1908 and also the first car to go supersonic on land in 1997. In addition, the Farnborough Air Sciences Trust runs a weekend aerospace museum where you can see photographs and exhibits from the early years of aviation.

Another fine attraction is Farnborough Abbey, where Napoleon III and his wife are buried. Here the resident monks earn their living through printing, publishing and bookbinding. They also rely on the Abbey Shop as an important part of the monastery's income.

Basingstoke

Basingstoke lies south west of Farnborough and has many attractions for visitors, including one of the south's best shopping centres, Festival Place. The town plays host to the annual kite and balloon festivals and the music festival Basingstoke Live.

The Leisure Park has fantastic facilities such as an ice skating rink, bowling, a swimming complex and cinemas. You will also find the Milestones Museum close by, where you can walk through Victorian and 1930s streets, explore the shops and gain an insight into everyday life during these periods.

At Calleva Atrebatum, Roman Silchester, you can see the well-preserved defensive walls that date back to Roman times. You can visit Stratfield Saye House, the home of Great Duke of Wellington's family back in 1817. Basing House played a key role in the English

Civil War, while Highclere Castle houses an exhibition of ancient Egyptian treasures collected by the 5th Earl of Carnarvon, who also discovered the Tomb of Tutankhamun.

Winchester

Winchester is famous for its Cathedral that dates back to the 11th Century and for the Great Hall which has housed the mysterious 'Round Table' for over 700 years. Winchester College is the oldest school in the country that still runs today, whilst the Hospital of St Cross - a medieval almshouse - still offers the Wayfarer's Dole to travellers as it has done for more than eight centuries.

The INTECH Science Centre is located a short distance from the city and Hampshire's largest animal attraction, Marwell Zoo, is also nearby. This 140-acre park is home to over 250 exotic and endangered species in beautiful, landscaped surroundings.

This town is also home to the country's largest farmers' market and is the resting place of the great author Jane Austen.

Eastleigh

Eastleigh is located north of Southampton and is part of the Hamble Valley area stretching along the River Hamble and Solent.

Southampton Airport is located on the outskirts of the town and its entrance displays a replica Spitfire to commemorate the launch of the Spitfire prototype from Eastleigh Aerodrome back in 1936. Eastleigh Museum is located in the town centre and Lakeside Country Park and Steam Railway is a popular place for a pleasant stroll and fishing.

In addition, Eastleigh is home to Swan Shopping Centre, where you will also find a new 9 screen cinema and a bowling complex.

The New Forest

Nowhere in England allows you to step back in time and enjoy the natural, unspoilt beauty quite like the New Forest! This is England's newest National Park and was once a royal hunting ground for William the Conqueror. Today, its ancient heaths and woodland are home to deer, ponies and cattle that roam free across the land.

Beaulieu is a quaint traditional village with old fashioned shops that line the cobbled street. The National Motor Museum is within walking distance and Beaulieu River is an ideal picnic

spot. Not far from here is Buckler's Hard, an 18th Century village where Nelson's warships were built. Here you can choose to explore the museum, take a slow boat trip or kayak down the Beaulieu River.

This destination is perfect for those of you that love the great outdoors. It has endless walking and cycling routes as well as bridleways for horseriding. One thing's for certain - make sure you enjoy a cold, locally brewed beer or cider in one of the traditional country pubs before you leave!